over 21,000 square yards, in the posh Bani Park area of Jaipur; and the cost of land itself is over Rs. 100 crores.

Interestingly, as per the agreement signed on April 1, 1977, between the Government of Rajasthan and ITDC, the land was leased for a tourist reception centre and hotel, at an annual rent of Rupee one, to ITDC. According to the agreement, the lessee cannot sell, mortgage, sublet or otherwise transfer the property without permission of the State Government. This permission has not been obtained.

The haste with which the prime properties are being disposed of by ITDC in Rajasthan is a matter of serious concern.

I would request the hon. Ministers of Tourism and Disinvestment to see that invaluable, precious, public properties and classic hotels of great heritage value are not disposed of, to the detriment of public interest, in such haste, as has been done earlier in the case of Laxmi Vilas Hotel in Udaipur where the land itself, over 20 acres, is worth more than Rs.7.5 crore for which it was sold.

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MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF BILL

The Indian Post Office (Amendment) Bill, 1986

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): Sir, with your kind permission, I beg to move:-

> "That the Rajya Sabha recommends to the Lok Sabha that the Lok Sabha do agree to leave being granted by the Rajya Sabha to withdraw the Indian Post Office (Amendment) Bill, 1986, which was passed by the Houses of Parliament and returned by the President for reconsideration under the Proviso to article m of the Constitution of India".

The question was put and the motion was adopted.